

3.7a Implicit Differentiation

term by term differentiate: wrt x:  $x \neq y$

implied relationship between  $x$  &  $y$   
usually  $x$ 's &  $y$ 's are mixed

$y = 1 - x^2$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$

$x^2 + y = 1$  (circled)  
 $y = 1 - x^2$  (explicit)  
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$  (take der)

$2x + \cancel{x} = 0$   
 $2x + y' = 0$  (implicit)  
 $y' = -2x$

$y^2 = x$   
 $(y)^2 = x$  (explicit)  
 $y = \pm\sqrt{x} = \pm x^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $y' = \pm \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$2y \cdot y' = 1$  (implicit)  
 $y' = \frac{1}{2y}$  or  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2y}$

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Find the slope of the circle at the point (3,-4)

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$2x + y' \cdot 2y = 0$$

$$y' \cdot 2y = -2x$$

$$y' = \frac{-2x}{2y} = \frac{-x}{y} \bigg|_{(3,-4)} = \frac{-3}{-4} = \frac{3}{4}$$



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## Implicit Differentiation Process

1. Differentiate both sides of the equation with respect to  $x$ .  
(term by term)
2. Collect the terms with  $dy/dx$  on one side of the equation
3. Factor out  $dy/dx$ .
4. Solve for  $dy/dx$ .

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## lens, tangents and normal lines

find the tangent and normal lines to the ellipse at the point (-1,2)

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = 7$$

$$2x - (x \cdot y' + y \cdot 1) + 2y y' = 0$$

$$2x - xy' - y + 2yy' = 0$$

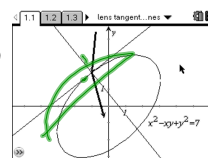
$$-xy' + 2yy' = -2x + y$$

$$y'(-x + 2y) = -2x + y$$

$$y' = \frac{-2x + y}{-x + 2y} \bigg|_{(-1,2)} = \frac{2+2}{1+4} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{tan line } y = \frac{4}{5}(x+1) + 2$$

$$\perp \text{ line } y = -\frac{5}{4}(x+1) + 2$$



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## higher order derivatives

Find the second derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ 

$$2x^3 - 3y^2 = 8$$

$$6x^2 - 6y \cdot y' = 0$$

$$-6y y' = -6x^2$$

$$y' = \frac{-6x^2}{-6y} = \frac{x^2}{y}$$

$$y'' = \frac{y \cdot 2x - x^2 \cdot y'}{y^2}$$

quotient rule

$$y'' = \frac{2xy - x^2 \left( \frac{x^2}{y} \right)}{y^2}$$

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